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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
- PATENT APPLICATION -

Applicant: Clinton O. Fruitman

Docket No.: 29131.0217

Serial No.: 09/008,148

Group Art Unit: 3723

Filed: January 16, 1998

Examiner: E. Morgan

TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE
CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION
OF ELECTRICAL DEVICES

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
EXAMINER'S FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action dated January 5, 1999, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

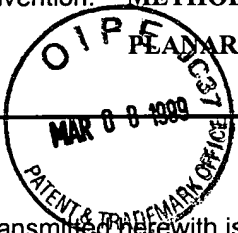

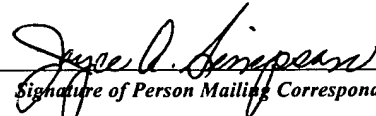
Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) An apparatus for chemically and mechanically planarizing a surface of a [workpiece] silicon wafer comprising:

a compressible non-cellular lapping surface;

[workpiece] silicon wafer mounting means for mounting said [workpiece] silicon wafer to expose said [workpiece] silicon wafer surface to said lapping surface;

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Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF ELECTRICAL DEVICES					
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div> <p><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.</p> <p>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>RECEIVED</p> <p>MAR 10 1999</p> <p>TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700</p> </div> </div>					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	7 -	20 =	0 x	\$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0 x	\$78.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00
<div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. </div> </div>					
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